

House Resolution No. 2406

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of "Outstanding Missourian" through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, Ralph N. Smith of Union has attained considerable distinction as a citizen, public servant, and family man who has been married to his beloved Lorraine for fifty-three years and who has been justifiably proud of the accomplishments of his daughter, Amy, who is the wife of Scott Johnston, the mother of Chelsey and Julie, and the principal of Francis Howell Middle School; and his son Kim Smith, who is the husband of Kathy, father of Jeffrey, Lauren, and Genny, and President of Carrollton Bank in Saint Louis; and

Whereas, on Wednesday, May 5, 2004, Ralph Smith will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role he has performed in Missouri as a community leader; and

Whereas, Ralph Smith was born seventy-five years ago on February 13, 1929, and married the lovely Lorraine on November 12, 1950; and

Whereas, Ralph Smith has developed and maintained an exemplary reputation for his civic-minded endeavors as the Deputy County Clerk of Franklin County from 1950 to 1958, County Clerk of Franklin County from 1959 to 1966, Presiding Judge of Franklin County from 1967 to 1975, Executive Assistant to Governor Christopher Bond from 1975 to 1977, Director of State and Local Government Affairs for Farm Bureau from 1977 to 1986, Chairman of the State Tax Commission from 1986 to 1990; and Executive Assistant and Legislative Director for Governor John Ashcroft from 1990 to 1993; and

Whereas, Ralph Smith continues to serve the citizens of his local community and neighborhoods through his exemplary efforts on the Saint John's Hospital Board in Washington; and

Whereas, Ralph Smith enjoys golfing, fishing, and being with his wife, children, and grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Ralph Smith as an "Outstanding Missourian" and to extend to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on May 5, 2004, for special recognition as a guest in the House Chamber; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of "Outstanding Missourian" Ralph Smith.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Nieves
District No. 98

Joined by the Entire House Membership
I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2406, adopted April 30, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker